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REMARKS

On November 25, 2003, Applicant filed a Reply to the Office Action Made Final and an Advisory Action in response to that filing was sent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 31, 2003. In the Advisory Action the Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as obvious over, Roy. The Examiner also indicated that Claims 5-6 and 12-13 were free of the prior art but objected to as being dependent from rejected base claims.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-4; 7-1 and 14-20. While not agreeing with the Examiner's rejection of these claims, Applicant wishes to speed prosecution of this application and believes that canceling these claims and amending Claims 5-6 and 12-13 to put them into independent form as suggested by the Examiner, and which the Examiner has indicated are free of the prior art, will lead to issuance of Claims 5-6 and 23-23 in this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these canceled claims in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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